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Subject: EOP – 2009 Disability Awareness Month Poster Contest Winner

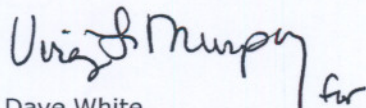
Purpose. To announce the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 2009 Disability Awareness Month Poster Contest winner.

Expiration Date. October 31, 2009

Background. On July 24, 2009, on the Anniversary of the signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act, President Barack Obama stated in his Proclamation, "As we reflect upon the past and look toward a brighter future, we recognize that our country has made great progress. More than ever before, Americans with disabilities enjoy greater access to technology and economic self-sufficiency. More communities are accessible, more children with disabilities learn alongside their peers, and more employers recognize the capabilities of people with disabilities." As we honor October as Disability Awareness Month, it then seems appropriate that the theme: "Expectation plus opportunity equals full participation" looks forward to fuller inclusion in the American Dream for Persons With Disabilities.

We are pleased to announce that Norman Patterson, Project Engineer, Hattiesburg, Mississippi has been awarded first place for his 2009 Disability Awareness Month poster entry. Mr. Patterson's poster was selected first place from among eight entries. As the 2009 Disability Awareness Month Poster Contest winner, Mr. Patterson will receive a \$300 spot award for his efforts, and the poster will serve as the agency's official poster for 2009 Disability Awareness Month activities. The poster will be distributed electronically through the States' Disability Emphasis Program Managers, or it can be accessed at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/about/civilrights/Disability.html>. Questions regarding the 2009 Disability Awareness Month can be sent by email to cliff.denshire@wdc.usda.gov.

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